COURTEOUS READER,

ASTROLOGY is one of the most ancient Sciences, had in high Esteem of old, by the Wise and Great. Formerly, no Prince would make War or Peace, nor any General fight a Battle, in short, no important Affair was undertaken without first consulting an *Astrologer*, who examined the Aspects and Configurations of the heavenly Bodies, and merk'd the *lucky Hour*. Now the noble Art (more Shame to the Age we live in!) is dwindled into Contempt; the Great neglect us, Empires make Leagues, and Parliaments Laws, without advising with us; and scarce any other Use is made of our learned Labours, than to find the best Time of cutting Corns, or gelding Pigs.---This Mischief we owe in a great Measure to ourselves: The Ignorant Herd of Mankind, had they not been encourag'd to it by some of us, would never have dared to depreciate our sacred Dictates; but *Urania* has been betray'd by her own Sons; those whom she had favour'd with the greatest Skill in her divine Art, the most eminent Astronomers among the Moderns, the *Newtons*, *Halleys*, and *Whistons*, have wantonly contemn'd and abus'd her, contrary to the Light of their own Consciences. Of these, only the last nam'd, *Whiston*, has liv'd to repent, and speak his Mind honestly. In his former Works he had treated *Judiciary Astrology* as a Chimera, and asserted, That not only the fixed Stars, but the Planets (Sun and Moon excepted) were at so immense a Distance, as to be incapable of any Influence on this Earth, and consequently nothing could be foretold from their Positions: but now in the Memoirs of his Life, publish'd 1749, in the 82d Year of his Age, he foretels, Page 607, the sudden Destruction of the *Turkish* Empire, and of the House of *Austria*, *German* Emperors, *&c.* and *Popes* of *Rome*; the Restoration of the *Jews*, and Commencement of the *Millennium*; all by the Year 1766; and this not only from Scripture Prophecies; but (take his own Words)----"From the remarkable *astronomical* "Signals that are to alarm Mankind of what is coming, *viz.* The "*Northern Lights* since 1715; the six Comets at the Protestant Re-"formation in four Years, 1530, 1531, 1533, 1534, compar'd with "the seven Comets already seen in these last eleven Years 1737, "1739, 1742, 1743, 1744, 1746, and 1748.-----From the great "Annular Eclipse of the Sun, *July* 14, 1748, whose Center pass'd "through all the four Monarchies, from *Scotland* to the *East-In-*"*dies*.-----From the Occultation of the *Pleiades* by the Moon each "periodical Month, after the Eclipse last *July*, for above three "Years, visible to the whole *Roman* Empire; as there was a like "Occultation of the *Hyades* from *A.* 590, to *A.* 595, for six Years "foretold by *Isaiah*.----From the Transit of *Mercury* over the *Sun*, "*April* 25, 1753, which will be visible thro' that Empire.---From "the Comet of *A. D.* 1456, 1531, 1607, and 1682, which will ap-"pear again about 1757 ending, or 1758 beginning, and will also be "visible thro' that Empire.----From the Transit of *Venus* over the "*Sun*, *May* 26, 1761, which will be visible over the same Empire: "And lastly, from the annular Eclipse of the *Sun*, *March* 11, 1764, "which will be visible over the same Empire."---From these *Astro-*"*nomical Signs*, he foretels those great Events, That within 16 Years from this Time, "the *Millennium* or 1000 Years Reign of Christ "shall begin, there shall be a *new Heavens*, and a *new Earth*; there "shall be no more an Infidel in *Christendom*, Page 398, nor a Gam-"ing-Table at *Tunbridge!*"------When these Predictions are accomplished, what glorious Proofs they will be of the Truth of our Art?---And if they happen to fail, there is no doubt but so profound an Astronomer as Mr. *Whiston*, will be able to see *other* Signs in the Heavens, foreshowing that the Conversion of Infidels was to be postponed, and the *Millennium* adjourn'd.---After these great Things can any Man doubt our being capable of predicting a little Rain or Sun-shine?---Reader, Farewell, and make the best Use of your Years and your Almanacks, for you see, that according to *Whiston*, you may have at most, but sixteen more of them.

Patowmack, *July* 30, 1750. R. SAUNDERS.

INTEREST in *Epitome*:

Or a TABLE in a shorter Method than any yet published, exactly calculated from *One Pound* to *Ten Millions of Money*, and to the Thousandth Part of a Penny, at any Rate of Interest whatever.

At 5 per Cent. *for* 1 *Day*.

Principal.	Interest.				Principal.	Interest.			
Pounds.	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	1000 *parts*	*Pounds.*	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	1000 *parts*
10000000	1369	17	3	123	5000	13	8		383
9000000	1232	17	6	410	4000	10	11		506
8000000	1095	17	9	698	3000	8	2		630
7000000	958	18	0	986	2000	5	5		753
6000000	821	18	4	274	1000	2	8		876
5000000	684	18	7	561	900	2	5		589
4000000	547	18	10	849	800	2	2		301
3000000	410	19	2	137	700	1	11		13
2000000	273	19	5	424	600	1	7		726
1000000	136	19	8	712	500	1	4		438
900000	123	5	9	41	400	1	1		150
800000	109	11	9	369	300		9		863
700000	95	17	9	698	200		6		575
600000	82	3	10	27	100		3		287
500000	68	9	10	356	90		2		958
400000	54	15	10	684	80		2		630
300000	41	1	11	13	70		2		301
200000	27	7	11	342	60		1		972
100000	13	13	11	671	50		1		643
90000	12	6	6	904	40		1		315
80000	10	19	2	137	30				986
70000	9	11	9	369	20				657
60000	8	4	4	602	10				328
50000	6	16	11	835	9				295
40000	5	9	7	68	8				263
30000	4	2	2	301	7				230
20000	2	14	9	534	6				197
10000	1	7	4	767	5				164
9000	1	4	7	890	4				131
8000	1	1	11	13	3				98
7000		19	2	137	2				65
6000		16	5	260	1				32